

Application. No. 10/815,530
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REMARKS

This application contains claims 1-42. Claims 16-18, 34-36, 39 and 42 have been allowed. Claims 11, 15 and 33 have been object to. Claims 1-10, 12-14, 19-32, 37, 38, 40, and 41 have been rejected. Claims 4, 8, 11, 12, 22, 26, 29, 30, 37, 38 and 40 have been canceled. Claims 1, 9, 15, 19, 27, 33, and 41 have been amended. Therefore, Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9, 10, 13-21, 23-25, 27, 28, 31-36, 39, 41, and 42 are pending in the Application. Reconsideration of the application based on arguments submitted below is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 16-18, 34-36, 39 and 42 have been allowed. were been object to The Examiner specifically stated that Claims 11, 15 and 33 were objected to but would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has included the features of claim 11 into Claim 1 and amended Claims 15 and 33 as requested by the Examiner. As such Claims 1, 15 and 33 should be allowable. Additionally, Claims 2, 3, 5-7, 10, 13 and 14 are dependent on amended Claim 1 and should be allowable.

Claims 9, 19, 27 and 41 have been amended to include some of the same features as the allowed or allowable claims and should be therefore allowable. Additionally, Claims 20, 21, 23-25, 28, 31, and 32 are dependent on amended Claim 19 and should be allowable.

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Applicant has cancelled or withdrawn the remainder of the pending claims in the application, intentionally withholding comments on the sufficiency of the rejections. Applicant reserves his right to file Continuation and Divisional applications directed at the subject matter of these claims and unclaimed, but disclosed subject matter, during the pendency of this application. Applicant's desire to expedite the issuance of a patent does equate to an acquiescence of the merits of the current rejections and Applicant hereby reserves the right to present additional distinctions as appropriate.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with the filing of this Response to Deposit Account 23-0035.

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